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IN PAGE ONE BANNER HEADLINES AND STORIES ZAMBIAN PRESS
MARCH 9 HIGHLIGHTED PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S ATTACK ON THE WEST FOR
"FAILING TO LIVE UP TO ITS HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN."

DURING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONIES FOR THE NEW BRITISH
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HIGH COMMISSIONER DR. KAUNDA SAID THAT BRITIAN, THE U.S. AND WEST
GERMANY WERE VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS BY THEIR INACTION IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. HE ACCUSED THEM OF FAILING TO SUPPORT BLACK SELF-DER-
MINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE ADDED "I HAVE BEGUN TO THINK
THAT THE WEST AS A WHOLE, ARE NOT ANALYZING THE ISSUE EFFECTIVELY.
I HAVE ANXIETIES AS I BELIEVE WHAT ZAMBIA HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT
THAT UNLESS WE STOPPED TALKING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND BEGAN

IMPLEMENTING THEM, THE HOLOCAUST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD BE TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE." HE ADDED "I KNOW THE LEADERS OF THESE COUNTRIES AND THEY HAVE TALKED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS BUT THIS WAS ONLY IN THEORY. THEN IT COMES TO PRACITISING HUMAN RIGHTS THEY PUT THEIR OWN INTERESTS FIRST. THEY HAVE TO SHOW AFRICA THAT WHEN THEY SPEAK OF HUMAN RIGHTS THEY MEAN BOTH WORDS AND ACTION." KAUNDA EMPHASIZED THAT "IN MY OWN OPINION, WASHINGTON, LONDON AND BONN ARE IN TROUBLE. I BELIEVE WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND OTHERS HAVE SAID ON HUMAN RIGHTS BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH. WE WANT ACTION."

THE PRESIDENT SCOFFED AT WESTERN PRE-OCCUPATION WITH SOVIET INFLUENCE AND CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA. HE SAID"THE OPPRESSED BLACK PEOPLE DO NOT NEED COMMUNISTS TO TELL THEM THAT THEY ARE BEING OPPRESSED SO THE WESTERN CONCERN FOR RUSSIAN AND CUBAN INFLUENCE IS LOOKING AT THE EFFECTS RATHER THAN THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT...NO ONE MAN IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NEED COMMUNISTS TO COME AND TELL HIM THAT HE WAS BEING OPPRESSED UNDER THE JACKPOT OF COLONIALISM RACISM, FASCISM, AND NEO-COLONIALISM,

NONE AT ALL." ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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